

News of Mine, of Prospect, of Furnace and of Mill.

POWER PLANT FOR NEWHOUSE

Contract for Two New Machines
Awarded to the Westinghouse Company.

To inquire into the progress of the survey for the Newhouse branch between the San Pedro at Frisco and the new camp of copper, Mr. Newhouse, as the guest of Manager Wells, will depart for the south at 7:30 this morning by special over the San Pedro. Accompanying the special, as the guests of Mr. Newhouse, will be Count Leon de Laborde of Paris, France, Phillip Livemore of New York and Messrs. Frank A. Schirmer and E. E. Abercrombie, the latter gentlemen of Boston and members of the Boston Con. American household. To conduct the party through the mines for the reduction of whose output a \$40,000,000 contract with the American Smelting and Refining company, will be Manager Johnson.

It was on the eve of his departure for the south that President Newhouse announced the letting of the contract for the power plant with which the huge undertaking is to be equipped, the successful contestant on this occasion the Westinghouse Machine and Electric company, represented by C. C. Chapelle and L. M. Cargo, the contract providing for two 800 horsepower Westinghouse Parsons steam turbine engines and generators. These formidable machines will have been the first to be installed west of the Mississippi river, and represent the most advanced methods of engineering in the economic application of steam power for electrical distribution. This type of turbine has been in use for the past ten years in England, France and Germany, while in this country the first installation was made about five years ago at the Westinghouse airbrake plant at Wilmerding, Pa. Since that introduction in America, they have been adopted by the Yerkes underground railway system in London and the Pennsylvania railway terminal system in New York, the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company and more than a score of representative railway, lighting and manufacturing enterprises in New England and the Middle States. The only mining company employing the steam turbine is the De Beers Co. at Kimberly, South Africa, where general mining and milling is dependent entirely upon this power. The machines to be installed by the Newhouse mines and smelters are of the latest and most approved pattern, and will demonstrate a marked economy over any other type of steam-driven electrical apparatus. A decided and a most striking advantage possessed by them is the small amount of space occupied as compared with other types. Under the terms of the contract the shipment of these machines, which will provide power for 5000 tons of ore daily, is to be made August 1st, and it is expected that the big concentrator will be in operation by September 10th next.

ALLIANCE OF LOCAL SMELTERS

Although the full significance of the compact between the American Smelting and Refining company and the Bingham Con., in which the former exchanges certain contracts with the copper producers for such lead ores as are controlled by the latter, will not, perhaps, be understood until the compact has been interpreted by the principals themselves. Of these, neither is upon the ground, nor was there, yesterday, a representative of either who was authorized to discuss the compact. MacVichie, general manager of the Bingham Con., is scheduled to arrive from Boston tonight, while C. W. Whitley, division manager for the American, is expected on any day. However, some things are manifest. The agreement is a lesson in reciprocity as it were—means, no doubt, that the big copper plant, more prodigious than any in the confederation managed by the Bingham Con., must do the work of which the American in the compact is relieved. To reduce the product of the Newhouse mines and mill out of Frisco and that of the Utah Copper company's mines and mill, which now devolves upon the Bingham Con., implies nothing less than the enlargement of its plant—to what extent Manager MacVichie will probably announce on his arrival. With the Utah Copper company now sending in its concentrates and with everything to denote a rapid increase in the output, these enlargements will probably be hastened.

It is assumed that in the agreement the American acquires the lead output of the Honerine of Stockton, in addition to that of the Bingham company's Dalton & Lark group, but at the local offices of the former nothing positive was known yesterday. In this connection it is surmised that the American will be required to add to its battery of furnaces in this valley or appeal to others in its sisterhood without the State.

It is expected that on his return Capt. MacVichie will instruct his forces to proceed at once with the construction of the proposed concentrator, that is to serve the milling ores of the Dalton & Lark group at Bingham, so that the agreement is likely to be followed by a period of most active construction throughout.

MARCH RECORD IN OUTPUT OF ORES

According to local authorities, the volume of ore reduced at the valley smelters during the previous month exceeded all previous records, the amount climbing up to 104,000 tons, and yet the sources from which the enormous tonnages are derived were capable of supplying as much more. At the American every unit in its array of blast furnaces was taxed to its

utmost, and while the company's venerable mechanical engineer nor its manager have conceded that the state plant is being overwhelmed, the difficulty which the former has been making note of is the relief that an order for additional furnaces is about to be posted. At the furnaces of the United States smelter during the same period the record of reduction exceeded all previous ones by several thousand tons, while the Utah Con. and Bingham each recorded an increase. To the requirements of the valley furnaces were added those of the Yampa smelter in Bingham canyon, for which extensive enlargements have now been projected, and which before the close of the season will be turning out a product similar to that now issuing from its contemporaries. To the vast tonnages of ores required at the smelters are those being reduced at the concentrators, including that at Senator Clark's camp at Park City, at the Honerine and the plants of the Utah and Ohio Copper companies at Bingham. The concentrators at Park City, of which four are in operation, required a stupendous tonnage, while there was light feeding at Frisco and Tintic. These do not include the heavy tonnages from which the yellow metal was leached at Mendocino, in Park Valley and at Gold Mountain, the mammoth with all the plants included approximating 180,000 tons, and yet many of the plants were on short rations.

WORDS CARRYING CHEERFUL RING

W. H. Alexander has returned from New York, where he has been for the past two months in connection with the Majestic and Monarch affairs. Mr. Alexander said to The Tribune yesterday that his first mission East was to adjust, in some manner, his unexpired contract with the Majestic company as business manager. In due time this was accomplished by a mutually satisfactory compromise, and he has now no connection with the Majestic, except as a well-wisher and the holder of a pretty sizable block of the company's stock.

Concerning the newly-organized Monarch Mines and Smelting company, Mr. Alexander said that its prospects were very good, and when he left New York, on Monday last, it seemed morally certain that the company would succeed. It was understood that the new company's permanent officers and directors would be announced in a few days, and that the combination would be of unusual strength, some of those who have already made large subscriptions to the proposed bond issue, and who have practically consented to serve as officers and directors, being very prominent in financial and industrial circles, east and west.

The Monarch company had outlined a proposal for the taking over of a controlling interest of the Majestic company, which was to have been submitted to Majestic stockholders by the Voting Trust committee at the called meeting last Monday.

COURT HAS REFUSED RECEIVER FOR HECLA

In the suit of Newton Todd against the Hecla Con. Mining company for the appointment of a receiver Judge McMaster has refused the appointment of one, says the Indianapolis Sentinel. He held that no grounds for such an appointment had been shown; that to appoint a receiver and wind up the company's affairs would require as much expense as there were assets, so that the stockholders would be reduced to nothing; and that in his judgment the directors were pursuing the wisest course. He held further that there had been no showing of fraud or bad faith on the part of the directors or officers, and that the court had no right to interfere with the management of the company. Newton Todd, the plaintiff, charged in his complaint that the company was insolvent and in danger of insolvency, and that the officers in years past had been paid exorbitant salaries and dividends beyond what was justified by the business earnings. He alleged that the officers were now trying to borrow \$20,000 with which to purchase a pump and that the (Todd) believed the officers intended to acquire ownership of the property and deprive the stockholders of their interests.

The evidence in the trial showed that no salaries to company officers had been paid since 1902. In 1902, Newton Todd had bought his stock and made objection to the salaries paid and general financial condition of the company, as made by D. W. Randall, representing the complaining parties, and this report, after being read and approved by a meeting of stockholders, which Mr. Todd attended, completely exonerated all of the officers and showed that the management of the company had been marked uniformly by honesty and integrity and that the salaries paid subsequent to that time and up to 1902 were the same salaries as approved at the stockholders' meeting.

THE MAJESTIC HAD A ROUGH HOUSE

According to particulars of the recent gathering of Majestic shareholders in New York city to vote on a resolution authorizing the "voting trust committee" to continue its endeavors in behalf of the beleaguered company, the session was about one of the warmest ever pulled off on the nineteenth floor of a skyscraper. A war correspondent of the Hartford Courant who was present during the hostilities, after telling of the howling that the resolution and a request that the committee continue its labors, says there was a call for George O. Keith of Brockton, Mass., a member of the voting trust. "What he said," according to the Courant, "made a most favorable impression on the meeting."

THE TRIBUNE NEWS STANDS

BOSTON—Crawford, Parker.
CHICAGO—Auditorium, Great Northern.
DENVER—Brown Palace.
KANSAS CITY—Midland, Coates.
LOS ANGELES—The Angelus, B. F. Gardner, 36 Spring Street.
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SAN FRANCISCO—Palace.
SEATTLE—Hotel Northern.
WASHINGTON—Willard, Raleigh.

He is a large stockholder and he said he had only the interests of the stockholders in view. He had given much time and attention to the conditions and he was convinced that if the stockholders rejected the proposition they would be better off. He regarded it as the duty of the stockholders to support the proposition. He had invested his money in it. "What has been the trouble," Mr. Keith asked a man who gave him the name of Gammack.

"There has been much the trouble," replied Mr. Keith. "Well, that's what we want to know. I'll take your word for it, but I would like to have you say just where the trouble has been or whether the past management has got the company in this predicament. Has it been rotten?"

"All right, sir, that's what I wanted to know. Your word is good enough for me. I've known you ever since I was a boy." Mr. Keith seemed to think he had said too much about the former management of the company and he tried to smooth out his statement a little.

The resolution, which expressed the confidence of the stockholders in the voting trust, was introduced by Ray C. A. Piddock of Hartford, Mr. Piddock, according to the Courant, "is a member of the defense committee of the stockholders, who recently sent out a circular severely criticizing the action of the trust committee, and there was some surprise when he offered the resolution."

SETTLING PRICE OF LEAD AND PRODUCERS

April is now well on its merry course, with the settling price of lead in the local market at \$3.50 per hundred pounds, these figures, said a representative of one of the largest producers, yesterday, to rule until May 1st, when the situation will again be discussed by the smelter and its customers. The relations between them at present appear to be about as harmonious as at any period since the war. The price of lead, however, is not the only factor in the situation. There is no reason to believe other than that contracts under which shipments are now being made will be continued indefinitely. Certainly there has never been a period when so great an amount of lead ore was being sold and accumulated at the smelters, while complaint is heard only at long intervals.

OIL LOCATIONS IN TOOLE'S OIL BELT

More oil locations have been recorded with County Recorder Frailey this week, but these oil locations are not half the business that is being done in the oil boom in this county, says the Toole Transcript. An Eastern company is quietly securing control of a large area of ground on options along the lake shore, and a good amount of money is being spent by them in this way. The amount of land secured in this manner, of course cannot be ascertained at the present time, but it must cover a large area of ground from the information we have secured in this matter.

INCREASING DEMAND FOR ZINC PRODUCT

The increasing demand for zinc is causing the strictest investigation of the Western mining fields for desirable ores, says the Mining Reporter of Denver. Properly speaking, there are no districts in the Rocky mountains which may be considered as containing zinc mines. There are, however, a large number of districts which have mines in which zinc is a prominent mineral, and in many such cases is considered the "refractory." The unobtainable zinc business in Leadville and Creede has caused a persistent search to be made in order to find processes to treat similar ores. The magnetic separating process bids fair to solve many of the problems now before the Western miners.

Recently the zinc ores of Park City, Utah, were systematically tested with a view of making not only a marketable product of zinc, but to render available smelting ores which cannot now be treated, owing to the heavy zinc penalty exacted.

There are a number of good magnetic concentrators on the market, and those exploiting such processes find an excellent field in Park City.

Tonopah Stock Sales.

Friday's transfers on the San Francisco board were recorded as follows: MacNamara, 720 at 21 1/2; Montana-Tonopah, 300 at 15 1/2; 150 at 15 1/2; seller ten days; North Star, 700 at 10 1/2; Midway, 100 at 20; 200 at 20; seller five days; Belmont, 1400 at 60; 400 at 50; seller ten and thirty days; Little Tonopah, 100 at 24.

Mining Notes.

The \$35,000 assessment on Dexter of Tuscarora, Nev., becomes delinquent on Friday.

He was accompanied by Mrs. Macbeth, and will absent himself for sixty days or more. Carlos leaves promise the local furnaces some very high grade copper ore from that Tintic property the present week.

Active construction of the new sampler at the Bingham Con. smelter will begin soon after the arrival of Manager MacVichie.

An Eastern authority, commenting on the American Smelting company's recent dividend, says it is earning a larger sum than at any period in its history.

Manager C. E. Looze of the Grand Central has gone to California, accompanied by Mrs. Looze, who will remain for some time in an effort to benefit her health. President Ravenscroft, Superintendent Wallace and others of the Union company will leave for the field today to select a site on which to begin boring.

Capt. Singler, who, in the American Flag of Park City, has added another to the producers of that great camp, has gone East to confer with his associates.

Thus far tellurium and its compounds have had no commercial value. In fact, in most cases, tellurium seems to be an element which in the commercial way should be rather avoided than cultivated. Small quantities of the element tend to destroy some of the most valuable properties of many of the metals and their alloys. The compounds of tellurium are poisonous, and in many cases the element as a contaminating substance is difficult to eliminate.

Winthrop reports say the smelter at De La Mesa, Bully Hill may have to shut down on account of lack of coke. The company has abundance of fuel at Bull station. Say, but it's funny, finding shipment by wagon to Bully Hill (Winthrop postoffice), but the storm, which has been in progress since February 2nd, has made freighting impossible for several weeks. The season's precipitation was 54.2 inches to the 23rd inst., says the Mining and Scientific Press of San Francisco.

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